

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D124)

H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline. Signed on February 22, 2012. (Public Law 112-96)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine strengthening conservation through the 2012 farm bill, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine local government perspectives on water infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2013 International Affairs Budget, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 2:30 p.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine clarifying the fate of missing persons in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on locating and identifying persons missing as a result of conflicts, trafficking in humans and human rights violations, as well as natural or manmade disasters, 2 p.m., 2172, Rayburn Building.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 28 through March 2, 2012

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 28, to hold hearings to examine strengthening conservation through the 2012 farm bill, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: February 28, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of State and Foreign Operations, 10 a.m., SD-192.

February 29, Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

February 29, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Army, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

March 1, Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year for 2013 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Office of Compliance, and the Open World Leadership Center, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: February 28, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the state of the housing market, focusing on removing barriers to economic recovery, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

February 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine putting health care spending on a sustainable path, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine tax reform to encourage growth, reduce the deficit, and promote fairness, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 1, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the cruise ship industry, focusing on if current regulations are sufficient to protect passengers and the environment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 28, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 28, Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine local government perspectives on water infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 28, to hold hearings to examine national security and foreign policy priorities in the fiscal year 2013 International Affairs Budget, 2 p.m., SH-216.

February 29, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the crisis in Syria, 11 a.m., SVC-217.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Syria, focusing on the crisis and its implications, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 29, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine dental crisis in America, focusing on the need to expand access, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 29, to hold hearings to examine the "Due Process Guarantee Act", focusing on banning indefinite detention of Americans, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Gary Taranto, of

Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Gershwin A. Drain, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Robin S. Rosenbaum, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

March 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1002, to prohibit theft of medical products, and the nominations of Andrew David Hurwitz, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jeffrey J. Helmick, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Mary Geiger Lewis, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Timothy S. Hillman, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, and Thomas M. Harrigan, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: February 28, to hold joint hearings to examine a legislative presentation from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), 2:30 p.m., 345, Cannon Building.

February 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2013 for Veterans' Programs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 28, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 1, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 29, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Commodity Futures Trading Commission 2012 Agenda", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, February 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on FY 2013 Budget for Indian Health Service, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, USDA, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Transportation Security Administration, 11 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Energy, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of State, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Customs and Border Protection Agency, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, Weapons Activities; and National Nuclear Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Environmental Protection Agency, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Office of Science and Technology Policy, 2 p.m., H-309, Capitol.

February 29, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for National Protection and Programs Directorate, 9:30 a.m. This is a closed hearing.

March 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Fish and Wildlife Service Budget, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 10 a.m., H-309, Capitol.

March 1, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for Military Construction, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on FY 2013 budget for the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on FY 2013 Budget for the Navy/Marine Corps, 1 p.m., H-140, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, February 28, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Military Personnel Budget Overview—Office of the Secretary of Defense Perspective, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2013 Science and Technology Programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 29, full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request

from U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from U.S. Pacific Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 28, full Committee, hearing entitled “Strengthening Health and Retirement Security”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 29, full Committee, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense and the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget”, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, February 28, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3989, the “Student Success Act” and H.R. 3990, the “Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Power and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled “The FY 2013 EPA Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

February 28, Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity: Assessments of Smart Grid Security”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Health, markup of H.R. 452, the “Medicare Decisions Accountability Act of 2011”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “The FY 2013 HHS Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Prescription Drug Diversion: Combating the Scourge”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 28, Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 29, full Committee, hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Understanding the Effects of the Repeal of Regulation Q on Financial Institutions and Small Businesses”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 29, full Committee, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities Amidst Economic Challenges: The Foreign Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, markup of H.R. 3783, the “Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012”, 10:30 a.m., 2127 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 28, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Federal Government Intelligence Sharing with State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement: An Assessment Ten Years After 9/11”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 29, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications, hearing entitled

“The President’s FY 2013 Budget Request for the Federal Emergency Management Agency”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

March 1, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, hearing entitled “Building One DHS: Why Can’t Management Information be Integrated?”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 28, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 4086, the “Foreign Cultural Exchange Jurisdictional Immunity Clarification Act”; H.R. 3992, to allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 nonimmigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar nonimmigrant status in Israel; and H.R. 511, to amend title 18, United States code, to prohibit the importation of various injurious species of constrictor snakes”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 28, full Committee, hearing entitled “Executive Overreach: The HHS Mandate Versus Religious Liberty”, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “The U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services Office”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 28, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing entitled “FY 2013 budget requests from the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 1, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1272, the “Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Judgment Fund Distribution Act of 2011”, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 28, full Committee, hearing entitled “Government 2.0: GAO Unveils New Duplicative Program Report”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and Labor Policy, hearing entitled “Honoring George Washington’s Legacy: Does America Need a Reminder?” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations, hearing entitled “Preventing Stolen Valor: Challenges and Solutions”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 1, Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “The Status of Government Financial Management: A Look at the FY 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, February 28, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1837, the “San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act”, 3 p.m., H-313, Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, February 28, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing entitled “An Overview of the National Science Foundation Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled “Promoting Innovation, Competition, and Economic Growth: Principles for Effective Domestic and International Standards Development”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “NASA Cybersecurity: An Examination of the Agency’s Information Security”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 1, full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Department of Energy Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2013”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Review of Innovative Financing Approaches for Community Water Infrastructure Projects—Part I”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 29, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “A Review of Cruise Ship Safety and Lessons Learned from the COSTA CONCORDIA Accident”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 28, full Committee, hearing on President Obama’s Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposal for the Department of Health and Human Services, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

February 29, full Committee, hearing on President Obama’s trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, February 29, full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 3 p.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: February 28, to hold hearings to examine clarifying the fate of missing persons in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on locating and identifying persons missing as a result of conflicts, trafficking in humans and human rights violations, as well as natural or manmade disasters, 2 p.m., 2172, Rayburn Building.